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MASS SHOOTING

MASSACRE AT TEXAS CHURCH



Mona Rodriguez holds her 12-year-old son, J. Anthony Hernandez, during a candlelight vigil Sunday night after a mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Victims included the pastor's 14-year-old daughter NICK WAGNER / AMERICAN-STATESMAN



Carrie Matula embraces a woman after a fatal shooting Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. NICK WAGNER / AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Gunman kills at least 26, wounds about 20 in tiny South Texas community; no known terrorist ties.

By Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS — A man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a church in a small South Texas community on Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding about

20 others in what the governor called the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history. The gunman was later found dead in his vehicle. Officials didn't identify the attacker during a news conference Sunday night, but two other officials — one a U.S. official and one in law enforcement — who

were briefed on the investigation identified him as Devin Kelley. They spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the investigation. The U.S. official said Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and doesn't appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups. The official said investigators are looking at social media posts Kelley may have made in the days before Sunday's attack, includ-

ing one that appeared to show an AR-15 semiautomatic weapon. Authorities said that they found multiple weapons in the gunman's vehicle. Kelley enlisted in 2010 and served as a logistical readiness airman stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mex-

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RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS IN U.S.

■ Oct. 1, 2017: Stephen Paddock killed 58 people and wounded more than 500 at a Las Vegas music festival. He was later found dead by police.

■ June 12, 2016: Omar Mateen killed 49 people at an Orlando, Fla., nightclub before dying in a shootout with police.

■ Dec. 2, 2015: Syed Rizwan Farook, 28, and Tashfeen Malik, 27, opened fire at a social services center in San Bernardino, Calif., killing 14 people and wounding more than 20. They were killed by police.

■ June 17, 2015: Dylann Roof, 21, killed nine African-American church members in Charleston, S.C. Roof has been sentenced to death.

■ Dec. 14, 2012: In Newtown, Conn., Adam Lanza killed 26 people, including 20 first-graders and six staffers, at Sandy Hook Elementary School. He then killed himself.

ATLANTA REDEVELOPMENT

Filing hints at huge downtown development

Project would rise on 9 acres near Philips Arena, home of Hawks.

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Could a mixed-use project, with more office space than Amazon needs for its planned massive second headquarters, be in the offing near Philips Arena in downtown Atlanta? An unnamed group filed documents last week with the city of Atlanta suggesting a project of mammoth scope — more than 10 million square feet of total development. It would rise on 9 acres near the home of the Atlanta Hawks in an undeveloped swath of parking lots and rail beds known as the Gulch. A project of such size would equal the square footage of Atlanta's tallest tower — Bank of America Plaza — eight times over. A likely candidate for the developer behind the proposal would be CIM Group of Los Angeles. The company is pursuing a mas-



The Atlanta Hawks have expressed desire in being part of a redevelopment of downtown, including the Gulch and surrounding land. The Gulch, shown here in March 2016, is one area that could be used for the project. BEN GRAY / BGRAY@AJC.COM

sive redevelopment near Philips Arena that would bring hotels, apartments, offices and retail, but the group behind the filing with the city was not identified. CIM was co-founded by Richard Ressler, brother of Atlanta Hawks lead owner Tony Ressler. A Hawks spokesman declined to

comment. The Hawks have expressed desire in being part of a redevelopment of downtown, including the Gulch and surrounding land, and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed has said CIM could bring plans

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PUBLIC SPENDING

Teacher pensions squeeze Ga. budget

Budget chief says state must add \$351 million to system next year.

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With only two months to go before the start of the 2018 legislative session, the Deal administration is finding that propping up Georgia's teacher pension system is making its job difficult as it seeks to write a balanced budget. The administration had been warning for months that there wouldn't be a lot of extra money to spend next year. But during a conference at Georgia State University, Teresa MacCartney, the governor's budget director, made it clear the reason is a huge jump in payments to the teacher pension system. "The (fiscal) 2019 budget is projecting revenue growth," Mac-

Cartney said. "The reality is the largest single item you will see in the budget is pensions." She said Gov. Nathan Deal and lawmakers next year will need to add at least \$351 million to the more than \$1.5 billion the government already puts into the teacher pension system. And she said that figure might grow. In a decent economy, state tax collections grow around \$800 million to \$950 million in a year.

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